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# H. R. 1842

To amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Administration's entrepreneurial development programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Entrepre-  
5       neurship Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**

7       Section 4 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 633)  
8       is amended by adding at the end the following:

9       “(g) MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION.—

1           “(1) PLAN FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOP-  
2           MENT AND JOB CREATION STRATEGY.—The Admin-  
3           istrator shall develop and submit to Congress a plan  
4           for using the Small Business Administration’s entre-  
5           preneurial development programs as a catalyst for  
6           job creation for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The  
7           plan shall include the Administration’s plan for  
8           drawing on existing programs, including Small Busi-  
9           ness Development Centers, Women’s Business Cen-  
10          ters, SCORE, Veterans Business Centers, Native  
11          American Outreach, and other appropriate pro-  
12          grams. The Administrator shall identify a strategy  
13          for each Administration region to create or retain  
14          jobs through Administration programs. The Admin-  
15          istrator shall identify, in consultation with appro-  
16          priate personnel from entrepreneurial development  
17          programs, performance measures and criteria, in-  
18          cluding job creation, job retention, and job retrain-  
19          ing goals, to evaluate the success of the Administra-  
20          tion’s actions regarding these efforts.

21           “(2) DATA COLLECTION PROCESS.—The Ad-  
22          ministrator shall develop and implement a consistent  
23          data collection process to cover all entrepreneurial  
24          development programs. Such data collection process  
25          shall include data relating to job creation, perform-

1       ance, and any other data determined appropriate by  
2       the Administrator with respect to the Administra-  
3       tion’s entrepreneurial development programs.

4               “(3) COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT OF SBA  
5       ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—

6       The Administrator shall submit annually to Con-  
7       gress, in consultation with other Federal depart-  
8       ments and agencies as appropriate, a report on op-  
9       portunities to foster coordination, limit duplication,  
10      and improve program delivery for Federal entrepre-  
11      neurial development programs.

12              “(4) DATABASE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-  
13      OPMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS.—The Administrator  
14      shall establish a database of providers of entrepre-  
15      neurial development services and make such data-  
16      base available through the Administration’s Web  
17      site. The database shall be searchable by industry,  
18      geography, and service required.

19              “(5) COMMUNITY SPECIALIST.—The Adminis-  
20      trator shall designate not less than one staff member  
21      in each Administration district office as a commu-  
22      nity specialist who has as their full-time responsi-  
23      bility working with local entrepreneurial development  
24      service providers to increase coordination with Fed-  
25      eral resources. The Administrator shall develop

1 benchmarks for measuring the performance of com-  
2 munity specialists under this subsection.

3 “(6) ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT POR-  
4 TAL.—The Administrator shall establish a Web-  
5 based portal that provides comprehensive informa-  
6 tion on the Administration’s entrepreneurial develop-  
7 ment programs. The Administrator shall—

8 “(A) integrate under one Web portal,  
9 Small Business Development Centers, Women’s  
10 Business Centers, SCORE, Veterans Business  
11 Centers, the Administration’s distance learning  
12 program, and other programs as appropriate;

13 “(B) revise the Administration’s primary  
14 Web site so that the Web portal described in  
15 subparagraph (A) is available as a link on the  
16 main Web page of the Web site;

17 “(C) increase consumer-oriented content  
18 on the Administration’s Web site and focus on  
19 promoting access to business solutions, includ-  
20 ing marketing, financing, and human resources  
21 planning;

22 “(D) establish relevant Web content aggre-  
23 gated by industry segment, stage of business  
24 development, level of need, and include referral  
25 links to appropriate Administration services, in-

1 cluding financing, training and counseling, and  
2 procurement assistance; and

3 “(E) provide style guidelines and links for  
4 visitors to the Administration’s Web site to be  
5 able to comment on and evaluate the materials  
6 in terms of their usefulness.

7 “(7) PILOT PROGRAMS.—The Administrator  
8 may not conduct any pilot program for a period of  
9 greater than 3 years if the program conflicts with,  
10 or uses the resources of, any of the entrepreneurial  
11 development programs authorized under section  
12 8(b)(1)(B), 21, 29, 32, or any other provision of this  
13 Act.”.

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